

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved a funding bill that includes a total of \$2,534,000 for two projects in the Pioneer Valley.

Olver secured the funding in the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, which the House passed on July 17, 2009. Olver is on the Appropriations Committee and worked to secure the funding. The Senate must still approve its appropriations bill and then both chambers will have to approve a reconciled bill before it goes to the president's desk to be signed into law. □ **\$534,000 for Hampshire College Solar Canopy**

This funding will support the structural renovation and installation of a new 36 KW solar photovoltaic array. The solar canopy will produce at least 47 mwh of electricity annually.

The Hampshire College solar canopy will promote two goals for the academic institution. First, it will support the college's goals for energy independence through sustainable and renewable resources. Secondly, the project will enhance the College's science and engineering curriculum by providing an interactive renewable energy system.

"The solar canopy will provide the college energy, but perhaps more importantly, it will provide students and the public with an example of how green technologies work and how we can become energy independent," said Congressman John Olver.

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\$2 million for the University of Massachusetts-Amherst's New Science Building

The New Science Building will include approximately 144,000 square feet of assignable space. Approximately 72,000 square feet will be complete and fit-out in May 2012 to support research functions in the Life Sciences. An additional 72,000 square feet will be constructed in shell and core space to provide for future fit-out to meet the needs of new faculty and new research initiatives.

"The expected benefits of the New Science Building are immense," Congressman John Olver

said. "It will provide essential science education for undergraduates, enhancing the workforce of the state and region. In addition, the research conducted here will have a substantial impact on regional economic development in the area of biotechnology."

Chancellor Robert Holub said, "

The need for state-of-the-art science facilities on campus is absolutely critical, and this project is essential in beginning to address those needs. We are extremely grateful to Congressman Olver for his support."

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